

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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 For : INVERTED KEYBOARD INSTRUMENT  
 AND METHOD OF PLAYING THE  
 SAME  
 Group Art Unit : 2837  
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**SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith further information which he believes may be material to examination of this Application, in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97.

While this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement may be material pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is not intended to constitute an admission that the information referred to therein is "prior art" to Applicant's invention unless designated as such.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, the filing of this Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information attached to this Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

By this submission, Applicant also does not represent that a search has been made nor that better art does not exist.

In addition, Applicant reserves the right to contend, as appropriate, that any information asserted against any claim(s) of the captioned Application is not “prior art” according to the facts and the law.

Applicant further reserves the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over such information, should any citation listed below be applied against any claim(s) of the captioned Application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner, after considering the information set forth below, independently determine those citations which the Examiner would consider to be the most pertinent.

Copies of the following citations are submitted along with Form PTO-1449.

Kondo, U.S. Patent No. 6,538,188, issued March 25, 2003: relates to an electronic musical instrument with display function.

Wesley, U.S. Patent No. 6,501,011, issued December 31, 2002: is directed to a sensor array MIDI controller.

Mizuno, U.S. Patent No. 5,744,740, issued April 28, 1998: concerns an electronic musical instrument.

Tanaka et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,262,580, issued November 16, 1993: disclose a musical instrument digital interface processing unit.

“MIDI Communication”, *Physical Computing*, Tisch School of the Arts, New York University, <http://fargo.itp.tsoa.nyu.edu/~tigoe/pcomp/midi.shtml>, dated July 7, 2003.

“MIDI Basics”, pp. 1-31, publisher unknown, undated.

It is requested that the above be made of record in this Application.

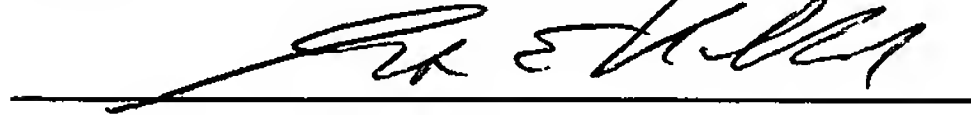
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